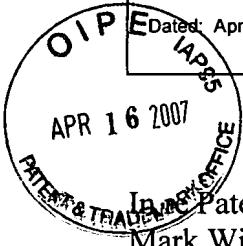


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 11, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I for continued examination, without traverse. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to April 11, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Consideration of the pending claims, as amended, on the merits is respectfully requested.